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Environmental Impact Statement Office

U.S. Dept. of Energy

Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Mgmt,

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Dear Summerson and Bishop:

I am writing due to my concern over the proposed Yucca Mountain Repository for nuclear waste. Yucca Mountain is an area that has been held sacred for untold millennia by the Shoshone and other Native people aboriginal to this continent. Long before there was a United States, this land was conserved, managed and nurtured by Native people in mid-North America. To propose to turn this sacred site into a dumping ground for nuclear waste which would endanger human life, birds, animals, waters, air, and flora throughout the area and region is unfathomable. Nuclear waste and other such radioactive material should not be generated until the waste can safely be disposed of without endangering the life on this planet.

By targeting a Native sacred site as a nuclear waste repository, the U.S. government demonstrates an on-going devaluing of the humanity and human rights of Native peoples. This is contrary to the recently adopted United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, setting worldwide minimum standards for the human rights of indigenous peoples. By perpetuating this human rights violation, your office is joining in the cultural genocide of the Shoshone and other Native people in the area as well as endangering the health, welfare, and normal births for generations to come.

It is imperative that the U.S. Dept. of Energy halt all plans to use Yucca Mountain as a nuclear waste depository. Alternative locations should be discussed near U.S. populations that do not have a sacred relationship to the lands they reside on and who benefit from such nuclear waste. The Shoshone and other Native peoples have clearly expressed their strong disagreement with

contaminating sacred sites with energy residue from the consumption of U.S. citizens. The on-going colonization of Native resources and stripping of value from culturally significant areas must end. Any true Environmental Impact Statement must take seriously the concerns of those with firsthand environmental knowledge of the landscapes impacted – and those experts would be the Shoshone and other Natives in the region who have ecologically nurtured the Yucca Mountain area for centuries before the establishment of your office.]

Sincerely,

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**YUCCA MOUNTAIN, SACRED TO THE SHOSHONE & MAJOR FAULT ZONE, IN
IMMINENT DANGER!**

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY MOVES PLANS FORWARD TO TURN YUCCA MOUNTAIN
INTO NUCLEAR WASTE REPOSITORY.**

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